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this case has been completed. A report has already been submitted to the Government in regard to this case in reply to a starred question in the Legislative Assembly.

'*Alleged case against South India Corporation (Madras), Ltd.*—No definite allegation meriting investigation has been made against this firm in regard to its utilization of permits for the export of handloom cloth from this Province.

'The public will soon know that the present Government are not lacking in courage for taking suitable action in cases in which there is evidence of misconduct by persons irrespective of their wealth and social status.

'*Case against Lotus Mills, Coimbatore.*—The Government have considered the results of the investigation in this case and their decision will be announced shortly.

'*Case against Sari Stores and the brother of the Textile Control Officer, Trichinopoly.*—These cases are under investigation. The two most important witnesses are absconding. Energetic attempts are being made to trace them.

'*Case against Baluswami Ayyar.*—The export quota has already been forfeited. On completion of the investigation in regard to the only remaining point, steps will be taken for prosecution and cancellation of the licence.

'*Case against Viswanath Prem Prakash.*—The investigation in this case has been completed and the charge-sheet will be filed shortly.

'*Allegation against Mohanram Factory.*—No offence has been committed in this case. The Communists are under a complete misapprehension as to the real position. Suitable action to regulate the supply of yarn to Mohanram Factory is being taken by the Textile Control Department. No yarn has been secreted as alleged.' "

Alleged import of paddy.

* 85-B *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food and Motor Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was an import of paddy to Madras from Burma recently and if so how many tons;

(*b*) whether a quota was allotted for the Chingleput district from the imported stock and how much:

(*c*) whether the entire quota for the district was handed over to the Central Co-operative Stores, Chingleput:

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the Central Co-operative Stores have taken the entire paddy allotted to the taluks of Chingleput, Madurantakam and Conjeeveram;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that by entrusting procurement and distribution for the district to the Central Co-operative Stores, the taluks of Saidapet, Sriperumbudur, Ponneri and Trivellore suffer from inequitable distribution; and

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(*f*) whether Government have received complaints against the Central Co-operative Stores?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes. A quantity of 570 tons of paddy was received.

" (*b*) Yes. Of the quantity specified in answer to (*a*) 270 tons of paddy was allotted to Chingleput district. Out of the rice shipments received from abroad in August and September 3,930 tons were allotted to Chingleput in addition to the 270 tons of paddy.

" (*c*) Yes. The Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores are the clearing agents for all paddy and rice imported from overseas; but they are not the sole wholesalers. The entire overseas quota was handled by the Stores but part of imports from provincial sources were handled by others.

" (*d*) The Co-operative Wholesale Stores are the procuring agents for the Chingleput Division which comprises Chingleput, Madurantakam and Conjeeveram taluks. They also do procurement in the Saidapet and Pallikaranai firkas of Saidapet taluk. No information is available as to whether they took the entire paddy allotted to the taluks of Chingleput. Madurantakam and Conjeeveram.

" (*e*) The Co-operative Wholesale Stores are not the procuring agents for the taluks of Sriperumbudur, Ponneri and Trivellore. They are procuring agents only for a portion of Saidapet taluk. Complaints have been received of inequitable distribution against the Co-operative Stores. The Collector distributed local and imported stocks so as to ensure adequate stocks in all taluks.

" (*f*) No complaints have been received."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware whether the Chingleput Co-operative Stores who are the suppliers for three of the taluks in the district have not given any portion of the imported paddy to these three taluk wholesalers? "

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" The Government will look into the question and do the needful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that the Chingleput District Wholesale Co-operative Stores is one of the best stores? ".

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" In the face of these two supplementary questions the Government are not in a position to decide."

Promotion of Elementary Education by District Boards.

* 85-C *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state if orders have been issued to the district boards of backward districts in receipt of subsidy for the promotion of elementary education not to close